

Allowed (to describe ORV use)	ORV use on roads and trails is generally allowed. However, these uses may be restricted by season, type of vehicle, vehicle equipment, or type of activity specified in permits or Forest Supervisor orders.
All-terrain Vehicle (ATV)	A type of off-highway vehicle that travels on three or more low pressure tires: has a handle bar for steering; is less than or equal to 50 inches in width; and has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.
Ambient Air	That air, external to buildings, encompassing or surrounding a specific region.
Ambient Air Quality Standard	The prescribed level of pollutants in the outside air that cannot be exceeded legally during a specified time in a specified geographical area.
Analysis	Methods used to determine or separate inventory and resource mapping information into important components and examine them critically (Webster).
Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS)	Forest plan have a brief summary of the analysis of the management situation, including demand and supply conditions for resource commodities and services, production potentials, and use and development opportunities. (36 CFR 219.11(a))
Appropriate Management Response	Specific actions taken in response to a wildland fire to implement protection <i>and</i> fire use objectives. (The concepts of confine, contain, and control should still be considered as viable TACTICS applied to suppressing unwanted wildland fires. Those terms, however, should not be confused for, or referenced to wildland fire management STRATEGY.)
Aquatic	Growing, living in, or frequenting water.
Aquatic Ecosystem	Stream channels, lakebeds, water, biotic communities, and the habitat features that occur therein. This includes streams and lakes that are permanently, intermittently, semi-permanently and seasonally flooded, as defined by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
Bankfull Stage	The elevation at which waters in a stream fills its channel to the tops of its banks where the water begins to overflow into a floodplain.
Barrel Scarification	A very large barrel with prongs towed behind a tractor. The prongs clear a patch of land for tree planting.
Basal Area	The cross-sectional area of all stems in a stand measured at 4.5 feet above the ground and expressed per unit of land area. Basal area is a way to measure how much of a site is occupied by trees
Benefit (Value)	Inclusive term used to quantify the results of a proposed activity, project, or program expressed in monetary or non-monetary terms.
Best Management Practices (BMP)	Practices (individual or in combination) that prevent non-point source of pollution or ensure that the amount is kept to a level compatible with state water quality and wetland protection goals.
Big Game	Certain wildlife that may be hunted for sport under state laws and regulations, including deer, bear, and moose.
Biodiversity	Variety of life and its ecological processes; the variety of organisms considered at all levels, from genetic variants belonging to the same species, through arrays of genera, families, and still higher taxonomic levels. Includes the variety of ecosystems, which comprise both the communities of organisms within particular habitats, and the physical conditions under which they live. The Forest Service Manual has direction on habitat planning and evaluation, including specific forest planning direction for meeting biological diversity requirements: A forest plan must address biological diversity through consideration of the distribution and abundance of plant and animal species and communities to meet overall multiple-use objectives (FSM 2622.01).

